GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4898
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ANTYODAYA YOJANA
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `States fail to implement Antyodaya Yojana Scheme` appearing in the Indian Express dated 27 July, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein;

(c) whether the State Governments have urged the Union Government to bear the transportationand distribution costs for the supply of foodgrains under the scheme;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(e) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The news paper report on `States fail to implement Antyodaya Anna Yojana` gives the position of implementation of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Assam, Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi, Meghalaya, Gujarat, Haryana, Maharashtra and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The Antyodaya Anna Yojana has so far been implemented in 15 States and 3 Union Territories. The status of implementation of AAY in the country as reported by the State Governments is given at Annexure.

(c),(d)&(e): Some State Governmentshave raised the issue regarding the burden of additional expenses towards transportation and dealers margins in respect of foodgrains distributed under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY). Flexibility has been given to the States Governments/UT Administrations in the matter of fixing the margin for the fair price shops by removing the restriction that the difference between the Central Issue Prices (CIP) and Retail Issue Price (RIP) should be within 50 paise per kg. for distribution o foodgrains to BPL families under TPDS.However, the States/UTs have been requested to retain the end retail price for Antyodaya beneficiaries at Rs.2/- a kg for wheat and Rs.3/- a kg for rice. The Government of Indiais already reimbursing road transport cost on actual basis for lifting of foodgrains from the base depots of FCI to the designated PDCs under the Hill Transport Subsidy (HTS) scheme for BPL foodgrains to the North Eastern States and hilly States. This will also be applicable for foodgrains lifted under AAY for Antyodaya beneficiaries.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)&(b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4898 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 24-8-2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ANTYODAYA ANNA YOJANA (As on14.8.2001)

1. Andhra Pradesh The State Govt. has identified 6.22 lakh families and issued ration cards to them.Allocation under the scheme has been made w.e.f. March, 2001.

2. A & Nicobar Islands Allocation of foodgrains for 2400 Antyodaya families identified by the UT Administrationunder the scheme has been made w.e.f July, 2001.

3 . Arunachal Pradesh It has been decided with the approval of Chief Minister that the scheme will not be implemented unless transportation and distribution cost is borne by the Govt. of India.

4. Assam It has been reported that AAY has been inaugurated on 15 June 2001 by the Chief Minister. Assam Govt. is going to ask for allotment of foodgrains for the scheme shortly.

5. Bihar As per the last communication from the State Govt. the task of identification and issue of distinctive ration cardsas to be completed by June.

6. Chandigarh UT Administration has intimated that identification of beneficiaries has been completed and they are being issued Antyodaya ration cards.

7. Chattisgarh Identification completed and distinctive ration cards issued to 2,87,400 identified families. Release of foodgrains under AAY has been made w.e.f. March, 2001.

8. Dadra & Nagar Haveli Identification completed and distinctive ration cardsissued to 2,800 identified beneficiaries. Allocation under AAY has been made w.e.f. March, 2001.

9. Daman & Diu Identification completed and distinctive ration cards issued to600 identified beneficiaries. Allocation of foodgrains under AAY has been made from April 2001.

10. Delhi The Govt. of Delhi has informed on telephonic enquiry that the task ofidentification of Antyodaya families is yet to start. However, it is expected that the task of identification of AAY may take 3 months.

11. Goa The State Govt. had informed that the identification and issue ofdistinctive ration cards to 7300 Antyodaya families will be completed by 15th July 2001. Antyodaya Anna Yojana was inaugurated in Goa on 10.7.2001.

12. Gujarat The State Government has intimated that sofar 2,60,000 Antyodaya families outof the estimated 3,25,000 AAY families for the State have been issued distinctive ration cards. Accordingly, foodgrains have been allotted for 2,60,000 AAY families from the month of July, 2001 under the scheme.

13. Haryana State Govt. has intimated that they have identified1,12,679 Antyodaya families and issued ration cards to 1,01,484 families. Allocation under AAY has been released for 98,214 families w.e.f. May 2001. The State Govt. has been requested to complete the task of distribution of pink ration cards for the entire Antodaya families identified in the State so that the balance allocation of the foodgrains is made accordingly.

14. Himachal Pradesh Allocation of foodgrains under the AAY has been released w.e.f. March,2001.
15. J & K The Antyodaya Anna Yojana stands implemented in the J&K State w.e.f. April, 2001. The State Govt. has identified all the (1,12,900) beneficiaries in the State and issued distinctive ration cards. Allocation of foodgrains under AAY has been made from July 2001.

16. Jharakhand The State Govt. has identified366500 Antyodaya families in the State and issued the special ration cards to them. The allocation of foodgrains to the State has been made w.e.f. 1.6.2001.

17. Karnataka The State Government hasidentified 3,87,155 Antyodaya families in twenty-six districts out of 4.797 lakhs estimated Antyodaya families in the State and issued distinctive cards prominently stamped as AAY to the identified families. Allocation of foodgrains for 3,87,155 Antyodaya families has been made w.e.f. August, 2001.

18. Kerala The State Government of Kerala has identified and issued distinctive ration cards to all the Antyodoya beneficiaries and allocation has been released to the State w.e.f. March 2001.

19. Lakshadweep The scheme is not yet implemented, as no applications have been received. Panchayats, except in few cases, have not agreed on the list of beneficiaries.

20. Madhya Pradesh Identification completed and distinctive ration cards issued to 6,32,400 identified families. The Antyodaya Anna Yojana has been launched in the State on 6.3.2001

21. Maharashtra Identification of AAY families (10,017 lakhs) has been completed. Allocation under AAY had earlier been released for 8,49,505 AAY families w.e.f. May 2001. All the yellow ration cards have now been stampped. Allocation under AAY has been released for 10,01,700 AAY families w.e.f. July, 2001.

22. Manipur As per the past communication the identification of beneficiaries was likely to be completed by end of March 2001. Implementation of the scheme was scheduled to start from 1st April 2001. A proposal has been sent to Govt. of India to provide margin money and transportation costs for implementing the scheme.

23. Meghalaya The State Government has intimated that selection of 28,100 AAY beneficiaries as per Govt. of India guidelines has been completed in the State. Special identity cards for AAYfamilies are being distributed to the beneficiaries through the respective Dy. Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil).

24. Mizoram The work relating to identification of beneficiaries is complete. The StateGovernment has also completed the task of distributing the special ration cards to 10,500 identified beneficiaries. Allocation of foodgrains under AAY has been made w.e.f. April 2001.

25. Nagaland State Govt. has intimated that the task of identification of Antyodaya families numbering 18,900 as per Govt. of India estimates has been completed and distinctive ration cards have also been distributed to the identified beneficiaries. The State Govt. has proposed to add 50 paise per kg. on transportation and 15 paise per kg. for handling charges to make the end price at Rs. 3.65 per kg. for rice to AAY beneficiaries. They have asked for the concurrance of the proposal. The reply has been issued to State Government to the effect that end retail price is retained at Rs.2/- per Kg for wheat and Rs.3/- per Kg for rice.

26. Orissa The State Food Secretary indicated during the telephone conversation with himthat Antyodaya Anna Yojana can be inaugurated by MOS (F&PD) in the first week of August, 2001 at the convenience of the MOS(F&PD)It was reported by the State Govt. that the task of identification has been completed in 12 coastal districts. Over 90% task of identification has been completed in six districts. The work is progressing slowly in the remaining 12 districts. The State Govt. has identified 2,88,005 Antyodaya families out of 5.055 lakhs.

27. Punjab Identification and issue of distinctive cards to 71,700 identified families is complete. Allocation of foodgrains under AAY has been made from May 2001.

28. Pondicherry Food Secretary, Pondicherry has intimated that 7666 beneficiaries under AAY have been identified and ration cards have been stamped accordingly. Since the estimated number of AAY families for pondicherry is 12,800, the State Govt. has been requested to complete the stamping of atleast 80% ration cards and the Government of India will release the foodgrains immediately. The State Govt. has identified 12,800 beneficiaries under the AAY.

29. Rajasthan Identification of families and issue of distinctive cards to 3,72,600 identified families is complete. The Antyodaya Anna Yojana has been launched in the State on 6.3.2001 and allocation under AAY has been made w.e.f. March, 2001.

30. Sikkim State Govt. has informed that the process of identification of AAY families has been completed. The State Govt. has also made all administrative arrangements including photo identity/ration cards to AAY families. The State Govt. has beenbeen requested to intimate the position of issue of distinctive ration cards to AAY beneficiaries.

31. Tamil Nadu Decision on implementation of Antyodaya scheme will be taken by the State Government shortly.

32. Tripura State Govt. has intimated that the existing ration cards of the identified AAY families have been stamped pending printing of new distinctive ration cards. However, number of families identified by the State Govt. has not been indicated.

33. Uttar Pradesh The State Govt. has identified 12,94,738 beneficiaries out of estimatednumber of 16.371 lakhs AAY families under the scheme and issued distinctive ration cards to 10,28,106 families. Allocation of foodgrains for 10,28,106 AAY families has been made w.e.f. July 200.

34. Uttaranchal State Govt. has identified all the (73600)Antyodaya families and special ration cards are being issued. The State Governmentt has intimated that implementation of AAY will be started from August 2001.

35. West Bengal The information regarding identification of AAY families is awaited from the State Govt.